ment for Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) preference is given to the retrenched CPLs in re-engagement, subject to their conforming to the prescribed guidelines.

रक्षा कार्मिकों के आश्रितों को पेंशन

1358. **कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा कार्मिकों की आकस्मिक मृत्यु हो जाने पर उनके आश्रितों को पेंशन दी जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच भी है कि ऐसे मामलों का हर चार वर्ष के बाद पुनरीक्षण किया जाता है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि हाल ही में कुछ संसद सदस्यों ने पत्र लिखकर यह अनुरोध किया है कि ऐसे आश्रितों को चार वर्षों के बाद भी पेंशन मिलती रहे ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे पत्रों के आधार पर कितने आश्रितों को पेंशन मंजूर की गयी ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजा रमन्ना) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । केवल उन अफसरों के आश्रितों के पेंशन संबंधी मामलों की हर तीन वर्ष बाद पुनरीक्षा की जाती है, जिनकी मृत्यु 1.1.1986 से पूर्व हो गयी थी ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) शून्य ।

Environmental Pollution in Europe and India

1359. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the "Time International" of the 9th April, 1990 regarding enviornmental pollution in Europe; if so, whether some industrial areas in India are also in the grip of similar situation;

(b) whether Government are aware that similar situation exists in VAPI in Gujarat and also in parts of Delhi, Faridabad Jamshedpur, etc; if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken; and

(c) whether a standing monitoring cell would be created with a strong NGO representation therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government along with the State Pollution Control Boards (PCB) have prepared an action plan for controlling pollution in critically polluted industrial areas. The PCBs have directed the industries to comply with the prescribed standards within a stipulated period.

(c) There is no proposal to create a standing monitoring cell with a strong NGO representation as the Central and State Pollution Control Boards are taking necessary steps to monitor and control pollution. However, for environmental clearance of projects, there is representation for non-officials in the committees set up for examining the proposals submitted to the Government.

Competence of EAROS to sign Enrolment Forms

1360. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers are competent to sign the enrolment forms of the recruits in such capacity as EARO;